

In The House of Commons

Ottawa, March 23.—In the House this afternoon the Premier informed Mr. R. L. Borden that report of the Civil Service commission had been received but owing to some accidental omission it is an incomplete state. The report will be completed and brought down in the course of a short time. A. C. Boyce, (Con.), Algoma, inquired if it was the intention of the Government to extend the regulations in respect to seed grain to farmers of New Ontario who required seed. The Premier replied that as no application for aid had been received from the Ontario Government the matter had not received consideration.

Hon. Geo. R. Foster and Mr. Lacombe, in committee, opposed the bill to incorporate the Shinarump Thompson River Boom company for which Duncan Ross stands sponsor of the grounds that the rights which it is proposed to give the company were refused to other people a year ago. Mr. Ross contended that Mr. Foster was laboring under a misapprehension. A. G. Copp, of Digby, (Liberal), said that no company should be granted the rights which it is proposed to give this American company. He said it was unfair to all other lumber operators on the Thompson River. Mr. Mr. Gallinger, (Liberal), Kootenay, argued that the bill amply protects the interests of all the companies. The Minister of Public Works had expressed his approval of it. Mr. Ross contended that the bill has the support of a great majority of the lumber men in the district.

Mr. Heron, (Conservative), Alberta, gave notice that on the third reading or after he will authorize a bounty to volunteers from Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan who served in the South African war, he will move that any person who was resident or domiciled in the prairie provinces for three years out of the six years immediately preceding their enlistment or who by reason of physical or mental incapacity due to their service, are unable to comply with conditions as to residence and cultivation, shall receive a bounty. He also will propose an amendment to clause C, providing that any person entitled to a free grant of land in view of bounty, may, if he chooses receive a free grant of one quarter section provided that he notifies the Minister of the Interior of his choice before Dec. 31, 1910.

When questioned to-day respecting rumors that he was about to return to Federal politics, Premier Scott of Saskatchewan said: "I have not seen newspapers much since I have been away, but I can say that there is nothing in the rumor so far as I am concerned. I am quite content to devote my energies to the Province of Saskatchewan where there is plenty of scope for work and where the prospects of the Liberal party are still so bright." Premier Scott saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier during the morning and in the afternoon was a visitor at the Liberal headquarters in room sixteen.

NURSE'S NEGLECT, PATIENT'S DEATH.

New York, March 23.—Mrs. March McCue, a patient in the observation ward in King's County Hospital, died in an unusual way to-day. She had been in the ward two days last night, according to a story told by a nurse, who was on duty on the ward, she became violent and it was found necessary to strap her to her bed.

For this purpose two sheets were used and after she had been apparently securely bound the attendant left the ward and did not return for an hour. When she came back Mrs. McCue's body was lying partly on the cot and partly on the floor, suspended by one of the twisted sheets, dead and an investigation disclosed that her neck had been broken.

Double Train Service Begins Monday

On Monday next March 30, the double train service between Strathcona and Calgary will be resumed, and the C. & E. timetable will be as follows:

No. 9, daily, including Sunday, will leave Calgary at 8 a.m. and arrive at Strathcona 16.00 a.m. as before.

No. 11, daily except Sunday, leave Calgary at 15.00 a.m. and arrive Strathcona 22.45 a.m.

No. 10, daily except Sunday, leave Strathcona 8.30, instead of at 9.00 a.m. as before, and arrive Calgary at 16.30 a.m.

No. 12, daily including Sunday, leaves Strathcona 16.00 a.m. and arrives at Calgary at 23.45 a.m.

On the main line the time after March 30, will be, Train No. 1 will continue through to Calgary, arriving 18.00 a.m. leaving Moose Jaw at 2.30 p.m.

Train No. 2 will leave Calgary 8.30 a.m. arriving at Moose Jaw 23.30 a.m. East of Moose Jaw time as before.

On the Lacombe branch C. & E., on the time will be daily except Sunday leave Lacombe 13.00 a.m. arriving Stettler 16.55 a.m. Leaving Stettler 7.15 a.m. arrive at Lacombe 11.00 a.m.

MUST EXCLUDE THE JAP.

Paris, March 22.—The Temps publishes a long interview which, its foreign editor, Andre Tardieu, had with Francoise, in which the American congressman declares that the Japanese question can be definitely settled only by the passage of a Japanese exclusion bill.

Murder Expected

Chatham, Ont., March 22.—It is now believed that Fred Maunday, keeper of the St. Anne's club at St. Anne's island, who was found dead in his bed Friday morning, was killed by the men responsible for the fire which destroyed the Joy club house a few days ago. Several guns were missing after the fire, and in the afternoon one of these was handed back to W. B. Wells of this city with a warning not to tell when the gun was returned or who returned it, under a threat of death. Maunday is supposed to know something about the Joy club house fire.

PORTUGAL'S KING MAY LOSE ARM.

Madrid, March 23.—El Mundo says that it has learned on good authority that the wound Prince Manuel, now King of Portugal received in the arm on February 1st, when King Carlos and the Crown Prince were assassinated, has not healed and recently has become very much worse. The attending physicians, says the paper, declare that amputation is imperative.

Wanderers Beaten at Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—The Montreal Wanderers at the world's championship, were outplayed by the Bankers, the local champions to-night in the final game of the series. The score at the end of play stood 6 to 3 against the Wanderers, who played a good hard game, but were not equal after such a long season to the freshness of the local men. At half time the score was 3 to 1 in favor of the Bankers. In the last half, the visitors seemed to have lost their cunning as three more goals were put in on them. Attendance 4,000.

China Will Boycott Japan

Canton, March 22.—The greatest indignation prevails here against the government for yielding to the Japanese demand on the Tatsu Maru case, it being considered that the action Canton has organized several monster indignation meetings, at which resolutions were adopted that the anniversary of the release of the Tatsu Maru be observed as a day of public mourning. The resolution also declared a boycott against Japanese goods. More than fifty thousand persons attended the mass meetings held yesterday, buildings were draped in mourning and twenty or more orators delivered denunciatory speeches. Among the speakers was a twelve-year-old Japanese who quipped a great enthusiasm. A great number among those who had assembled throughout divested clothing caps and handkerchiefs, and made a huge bonfire of them.

One dealer in Japanese goods offered to sacrifice his stock.

The meeting recommended the impeachment of Yuan Shi Kai, of the Board of Foreign Affairs, for weakness in yielding to the Japanese.

TO SUPPRESS OPIUM TRADE.

Pekin, March 23.—The throne has given its sanction to an experimental decrease in the importation of opium, which has been agreed to by Great Britain. The experiment will extend over three years and its purpose is to determine the effect this will have on domestic cultivation and the use of opium. If it proves successful, measures will be taken to continue the regulation.

The department of revenue has been ordered to devise a means to replace the resulting deficit in the opium revenue so that depending loans may be safe-guarded.

The throne orders further regulation of opium evil and appeals to the nation at large to abandon its use entirely.

Mormons Have Rough Time.

Copenhagen, March 23.—Rough and tumble fighting prevails between the Mormons, who lately came to Denmark, and farmers among whom they are trying to carry on proselyting work. When a company of Mormon priests arrived a short time ago, they announced a great campaign to re-establish Mormonism in this country where the "cause" was rapidly dying out. Almost immediately a big meeting was held which was attended by violent disorder, ending in all around fight. Nevertheless the newcomers persisted in holding more or less private meetings in many places. Finally the country population where the movement was prosecuted with most vigor, organized a regular opposition, storming the meetings and personally assaulting the preachers several of whom has been forcibly ejected from the halls and compelled to flee for their lives. Only one thing is left for the Mormons and that is depart. Their cause has apparently been demolished here.

UNKNOWN.

A man was killed at Foley, Larson and Stewart's camp 16, Battle River a few days ago. They had been doing some blasting. The foreman evidently forgot to keep correct count of the number of blasts that went off and when he called all over, the men only got nicely into the pit when a remaining blast went off, killing one man. No one knows where his folks live, except that he came from Dakota.

Even in Quebec Grits are Quaking.

Montreal, March 22.—There is a good deal of talk in local political circles here about the conflict of opinion between the federal and local governments and their respective support as at the time when those two governments will hold their elections. It is not that Hon. Lomer Gouin wants to go to the country just as soon as he gets through with the present session and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has strong objections to the local presiding their elections before the federal are ready to go before the judges, the electors.

The reason of this is easy to imagine, for the local prime minister is terribly afraid that the Ottawa Government, following the scandals which are being unrolled at Ottawa, may be stranded high and dry on the rocks, consequently it is reasonable to suppose that the disaster should come to the Laurier cabinet at the polls the Gouin combination would suffer very severely, not only on account of its own sins, but from the fact of the local machine being in such close contact with the larger combination at Ottawa.

Converted to Conservatism.

Ottawa, Ont., March 21.—Dr. Thompson, of Yukon, at the close of a short speech, announced his conversion to the principles of the Conservative party. He said that the words which have bound him to the Independent party are now dissolved and from now on he will support the Conservative party and the policy laid down by Mr. Borden. He condemned the recent expenditure by the government in payment of bonuses to secure immigrants and charged the government with alienating the timber and lands resources of the west.

To-Night

Mr. Robert Ganthony makes his return visit to Strathcona to-night. With regard to his appearance in Edmonton the Bulletin says:

"The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bulley attended in a private capacity Saturday night the delightful entertainment provided by Robert Ganthony, the English dramatist and entertainer in the Separate School theatre, Third St. It seems almost unnecessary to chronicle the success of the evening for a man who has won his laurels acting before some of the most critical audiences in France and England, before royalty itself, the worth of the entertainment is a foregone conclusion.

Recitals of this nature are entirely new to Edmonton, but those who knew the nature of the treat flocked to the hall and a thoroughly appreciative audience enjoyed each number of the program. The entertainment consisted shortly before eleven, when the audience, which had lingered through the whole evening, were still desirous of more.

Mr. Ganthony's humor is irresistibly funny; it does not lag, and its variety is amazing.

Miss Eliza Duncan, an attractive Irish blonde, appeared twice in quaint Swedish and Scotch costume, singing folk ballads of these countries. Her ladyship repaid her rendering of these ballads in a sweet appealing voice without operative tricks that lent a fire realism to the peasant-girl part taken by the ballad singer.

Miss Stanmore, a typically English girl of refinement with pleasing personality, gives valuable aid to Mr. Ganthony in his sketches.

Literary Society Concert

A concert will be given on Friday night in the Grandin Street Assembly Hall by the Grandin Street Literary Society in aid of the Athletic Association. The following programme has been arranged.

Part I.—Chorus, England, Glee Club reading, "How Girls Study," Miss Ackroyd; chorus, "Hearts of Oak," High School Boys; Humorous reading, Mr. Jefferies; violin solo, Reggie Parke; chorus from "Geisha," High School Girls; pianoforte selection, Miss Wilson.

Part II.—Pate: The Day Before the Wedding," Scene, Mrs. Renscher Padellhorpe, C. Clark; Mrs. Renscher Padellhorpe, Miss Martin; Mr. Alfred Ward, H. C. Shields; Miss Ada Padellhorpe, Miss Porter; Mr. Dick Padellhorpe, W. R. Mills; Miss Delle Boston, Miss Stinner.

Claim no Serious Trouble

Port au Prince Hayti, March 23.—President Alexis in an interview today declared that conditions in the republic were absolutely tranquil. He said that he did not question his ability to preserve order and protect foreign interests. Should the powers, however, decide to keep the warships in the harbor, he would not object, but he added that there was no necessity for such a thing; there was no possibility of a popular outbreak against the foreign residents.

The government continued the president, did not intend to take further action looking to the protection of the participants in the recent revolution, except in the case of the disloyal soldiers who are subject to military punishment.

The government, he said, gave proof of its good faith in permitting the embarkation at Gonaives of General Firmin, and his fellow conspirators, without exacting any pledges from them. He thought the edginess in the legations here would welcome a return to their homes to resume their avocations.

Around the City

The Strathcona Coal Co.'s coal is now \$3.50 per ton. Prompt delivery guaranteed.

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council takes place this evening.

To-morrow night will be the last night of the season for skating at the covered rink.

The Wednesday Evening Dance Club (formerly the Friday Evening Dance Club) meets to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

Miss M. B. Henderson is holding her Millinery Opening on Friday and Saturday of this week in her place of business on Whyte Ave. West.

A parishioners meeting in connection with Holy Trinity Church will be held at 9 o'clock to-morrow evening in the old Presbyterian Church.

The Sons of England hold their regular weekly meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Sons of England Hall, over Campbell and Lucas Pool Room, Duncan Block.

The senior hockey which was to have been played this evening has been called off. The game between Douglas Bros.' staff and Malone's staff will, however, be played.

Mr. E. T. Baines is calling a meeting of the Strathcona Gun Club in Mr. J. B. Miller's office for 8.30 p.m. on Friday first for the purpose of organizing for the coming season. A large attendance is requested.

There seems to be some doubt as to whether the guarantees will be large enough to induce Mr. Clement to come to the Opera House. Unless a sufficient number of seats are guaranteed in advance Mr. Clement will take his company direct to Calgary from Edmonton.

In the Mechanic's Hall Edmonton, this evening a complimentary smoking concert will be held under the auspices of the Edmonton Rifle Club in honor of Corporal Melanis of Strathcona and Sergeant Brown of Edmonton, members of the 1908 team for Bisley.

The Canadian Order of Foresters' hold their regular monthly meeting in the C. O. F. Hall in the Oddfellows' Temple, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped all Foresters in the city will be present, as there is some very important business to be dealt with.

Robert Ganthony and his company who appeared in Strathcona last week and have since played in Edmonton, will pay a return visit to the Grand Opera House this evening. Those who saw this attraction last week, speak very highly of it, and the Edmonton papers have been loud in their praise.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the L. O. L. 1654 will be held in the Orange Hall on Thursday evening next, March 26th. A full attendance of the brethren is requested as the delegates from the Grand Lodge will be present to make their report. Refreshments will be served and all arrangements in the city are invited.

The Grand Opera House was well-filled last evening when the Arlington Company presented "Under Two Flags," an adaptation of Ouida's famous story. Before the play the Palmiste Sisters Orchestra gave a concert which was very well received, these popular performers being heard at their best. Between the acts three little tots, Inez, Oly and Helen gave vaudeville selections and were heartily applauded.

We have been handed the following social item, which is good to us, but which may be appreciated in financial circles:

The many friends and admirers of Miss Lamber lately the brightest ornament of one of the principal banks of our city will be glad to know that like a true and canny Scot, she is fortunate in saving the highly valued "lawless" by temporarily doing duty as assistant kitchen maid at the Greuchow Boarding Establishment while waiting to take up a lucrative and brilliant appointment, one he is so eminently fitted and to adorn in the Twin City where his steady application and vigorous business methods will undoubtedly prove an incentive and stimulus of the business and trading community of the Capital and may possibly result in his being sent to the Senate or even a higher position.

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CURRENT COMMENT

"When Keir Hardie was in Canada he was impressed with the evidence of "graft" even more than with the country's great natural resources. Unfortunately it is not only Socialistic fanatics like Hardie who are "taken-off" graft discourages from coming to this country or investing in it. Honesty at Ottawa is needed if outsiders are to be inspired with confidence to stake their money in the country."

The above from the "Mail & Empire" put plainly an argument against it to persons. Federal governments continued existence which cannot be too seriously considered by those of the community who regard the welfare of their country as the highest good. There is no class in the world so sensitive to the effects of evil reports as the investing public. There is no class with whom it is more important for "Canada" at the present time to stand in good odor than with this same investing public. Statistics show beyond question the preponderance of Old Country capital already invested in Canada and it is from this source, that the financial assistance for the proper development of the enormous resources of this country, must come. If there is one thing which the Old Country public regard with horror it is "graft" indeed the word even is unknown. The condition of things which the term implies is so extremely rare, that when certain members of the Board of Guardians of West Ham, one of the districts of London, were caught red handed a cry of horror and indignation went up from all classes and all shades of political opinion. The leaders were sentenced to long terms of penal servitude. It is difficult to deal with this question without laying oneself open to those comparisons that are odious but the question must be faced and it Canadian securities and Canadian investments are to draw as liberally from the full coffers of the Old Country as Canadian resources and Canada's infinite possibilities are entitled to do, may well do under certain conditions then this system of graft must be ruthlessly extirpated. The dishonest has settled deep into the vitals of the present government. Desperate diseases require desperate remedies. It would be fatal to hesitate. This government which regards "graft" and the debauching of the civil service with cynical indifference must go. Further it must be the declared policy of the people that no government shall ever again be allowed to hold the reins of government in Canada that does not uphold a pure and independent civil service unimpaired from politics and does not regard the "gratifier" as it would a leper. It is idle to say do not make the accusations of graft and people outside the country will know nothing of it. These things cannot be hidden from it those who believe that the surest way to have an evil remedied is to denounce it to be to remain silent and be false to their principles the Government have condemned themselves out of their own mouths. The Hon. Geo. P. Graham declared in the floor of the House his opposition to civil service reform and the appointments that continue to be made both federal and provincial constitute rare recognitions of political partisanship. We do not purpose to recapitulate the long lists of political grafts committed at or winked at by the government. The instances are too well known to be forgotten. Those of us who happen to have correspondence with the Old Country know that we cannot tell the truth in writing there. No eulogiums are too high for the country but we have carefully to exclude all references to the government. Fancy

allowing it to be known that even our Provincial Government never makes any appointment of any description except from the ranks of their political supporters and that they debase the usefulness of the press by a system of pay-feeding that would disgrace any community. If the government of Alberta were to go to the money markets of the Old Country for an issue of stock would it assist them to have it known that they handed their pet paper \$50,000 in two years and boycotted the remainder of the Provincial Press. Graft must be cut out in every shape and form from the politics of the country if she is still to attract capital. The Keir-Hardie matter not at all. The good opinion of investors is of paramount importance.

In the amusing "Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy" appearing in Collier's occurs the following:

"What say that great poet Ho Si Walter Scott? about ladies? He says as follows:

"O ladies, during idle moments Inclined to make coyness with glib expression.

"Ye gain sick-sorrow time of brainache come along.

You are very skilful about being an Angel!"

This contributes rather a funny rendering of Scott's well-known lines in "Marmion."

"O women in our hours of ease, Inconstant, fickle, hard to please, When pain and anguish wring the brow, A ministering Angel thou."

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Phelan was dressed in evening clothes several sizes too tight for him. His face was shining and his brow was beaded with perspiration, but he was in high good humor.

The fight against Horgan and the franchise bill was going well. Phelan and the mayor had seen, one after the other, all of the aldermen. Wainwright and Horgan could count on only seven votes, and the amended bill which was to have been passed over the mayor's veto seemed sure of defeat.

Phelan came to report that Roberts the most doubtful of all had just been whipped into line, and had given his pledge to vote against the bill. Slapping the mayor on the back, Phelan went off to join Thompson, Wainwright's secretary. The mayor looked curiously after Thompson.

Thompson was surely a peculiar young man. He had served Wainwright like a slave for five years, and was in every way a model secretary. There was something about him; Alwyn noticed it, and Phelan had noticed it. The two had paid the mayor a visit at his home the night before, and now Alwyn knew something about the young man's history that would have surprised greatly a good many of the guests at the ball. Had they heard it.

He had little time to think of Thompson at the present moment. He knew that Horgan had not given up the fight. A judge of the Supreme Court who was known as a Horgan man, had spoken seriously to him, as father to son, in regard to his foolishness in fighting Borough Railway, and had suggested that the nomination for the governorship of the State might be his for the asking if he let the bill go through in its amended form.

Bennett had rejected the bribe in no unkind terms. The next move that Horgan made was more likely to be in the form of a threat than of a bribe. He was beginning to under-

stand that gentleman's method of doing business. He was wondering what the next move would be, when Horgan himself tapped him on the shoulder. The two were in an alcove off the main body of the ball-room, and for the moment alone. Horgan's face wore an expression of saturnine triumph.

"I've got you this time, young fellow," he said. "Do you hear? I've got you!"

"I hear," said Bennett. "Do you? Well it's a fight between you and me, and I've been looking your record over. It's clean; but how about your father's? What would you say if I told you that he was a grafter?"

"I would say that you lied," said Alwyn quietly. "You'll have to do better than that if you want any one to say anything else."

Horgan thrust his jaw out with an ugly snarl. "You don't suppose that I'd come to you with a story like this without the proofs?" he said. "I've got the proofs. I remember that your father had made his money pretty fast that he belonged to the organization and that he built the library and the aqueduct. I had the specifications for both buildings and sent them to Morris and Cherrington, the engineers. You know that they are the best in the land. They can't be bought. I've got the facts now. The facts are here on paper, in black and white. Their reports show that they were two of the crookedest pieces of work ever done. Inferior materials, when the materials called for were used at all; granite casings instead of granite, foundations half the required depth. Oh, look at the papers yourself. Here they are. If such a coarse and rotten piece of work were tried to-day it would be exposed before morning. Your father! He was the king of the grafters!"

Horgan threw a sheaf of typewritten papers on the table. In a date Alwyn matched them up, and scanned them. For a moment the lines of type swam before his eyes. Then they became clear—terribly clear. There was silence in the room save for the crisp

rustle of paper as Alwyn turned over leaf after leaf.

His father! His mother had so often held him up as a model of honesty. He had been accustomed to look upon him as the ideal type of man, the one honest man in politics, his ideal his mother's ideal. Alwyn sat down and looked up at Horgan.

"That's all right," said the boss. "Take your time about it. Read them over all night. I've got another copy. Only remember that if the Borough Railway Franchise bill doesn't go through those papers will be made public."

Horgan wheeled about and marched from the room. He had played his trump card. He had tried one thing after another only to find the young mayor adamant; but Alwyn had never bargained for this.

Late that night his mother found Alwyn alone, brooding. She questioned him, but in the beginning he did not answer all her questions. She could see that something was wrong. She finally learned of her husband's dishonesty. Alwyn at last told her all. Alwyn did not yield. His only answer to this last threat of Horgan was to redouble his efforts to strengthen on the opposition to the franchise bill in the Board of Aldermen.

Two or three week-end aldermen who have wavered to the last went over to the mayor's side. The public opinion which he had been able to arouse was too much for them to face Alwyn's political resourcefulness. Had been underrated by Horgan, even as his strength of character had been underrated. He was fighting Horgan to the death, and on the evening of the special meeting of the board, when the franchise bill was to come up for its final hearing, Wainwright felt that they were beaten. Horgan, however, was still confident.

Gibbs had lost his nerve completely. His true character came out in a crisis like this; all the appearance of strength and manliness fell away from him, and he was shown in his naked cowardice. Horgan looked at him with undisguised contempt as the three

—Wainwright, Gibbs and Horgan—sat in a room in the City Hall, giving orders to their political lieutenants and trying in vain to get by wire two of the aldermen—who had gone over to the other side at the last moment. Wainwright showed less emotion than either of the others. It is likely, however, that he would have shown considerable had he been of a meeting that was taking place in another part of the building at that very moment—Phelan, the mayor and a third man. The third man was no other than Thompson, Wainwright's private secretary.

The council-chamber of the Board of Aldermen was packed that night. The gallery was filled with spectators, and extra police had been called out and stationed at all the exits. The city had never known such excitement over a municipal measure. Dallas and Perry Wainwright were there, and through the courtesy of Horgan secured seats near the door. Dallas had insisted on going. Her whole fortune was at stake but although she hated to admit it to herself, she was thinking more of Alwyn Bennett than she was of the loss of her money. She had not seen him since she had broken with him on the night of the Administration Ball.

The heat in the crowded hall was stifling, the din was deafening. She rose unsteadily to her feet and asked Perry to take her into the little anteroom through which they had entered the main chamber, and which was shut off from the general public. There they met Phelan, boss of the Eighth, Horgan's enemy and Alwyn's friend. Phelan started forward and caught Perry by the arm.

"You're the man I want to see," he said. "I want to ask you about that lie they are telling in there about the mayor selling Borough stock through you. He won't explain, and you insist. This story must be denied. Tell what you know about it. I know it's so."

"He did it, Mr. Phelan," interrupted Dallas bitterly. "He admitted it to me. He did it for the profit there was in it, if you want to know why."

"F-f-f!" cried Phelan. "What good it was that for him when he might have made a million if he wanted to be crooked? All he had to do was to keep his hands off and he might have made a million. Now look here, Mr. Perry Wainwright, you've got to tell about this. His honor is to proud to explain, but you've got to. He may have bound you to secrecy and all that, but you've got to disregard that. His political career is at stake. He's an honest man and the people in that room have a right to know that he's honest. It's up to you."

Dallas had sunk into a chair and looked appealingly at her brother. What Phelan had said had put things in a new light.

"On Perry," she said, "I tell me. He didn't sell those stocks to make money."

"Certainly not," said Perry emphatically. "Any one who thinks that must have been in his roof-garden. He sold them for me, but principally Dallas, for you. He had advised all the stockholders to sell out when he said that he was going to fight the bill to the end. It was uncle against Alwyn, and I was for Alwyn. Uncle refused to surrender the stock which he held in our name. So, on Alwyn's advice, I sold the exact amount of our holdings to protect us when the bill should be defeated."

Phelan grasped Perry by the arm, and started to drag him from the room.

"You've got to come with me, young man," he panted, "in there to tell the truth to all those people."

The door slammed behind them and Dallas was left alone. She knew that Alwyn was in the building, and she meant to find him. As she started to ward the other door she heard voices beyond in a second anteroom adjoining the room she was in. The door half-opened, and she could hear the voices plainly.

Involuntarily she stood still and listened. Gibbs and Bennett, the man she was pledged to marry and which man she loved, were talking together

on the other side of the door. Gibbs was speaking in a queer, strained tone.

"You've won this fight on the bill and I've lost," he was saying. "I've lost all, for, unknown to Wainwright and Horgan, I bought up the stock that you sold short. I'm ruined, but I've won something that you want and have lost."

"I didn't understand," Alwyn's voice was very cold and quiet.

"Listen: I've won Dallas. You want her; but she was tricked into engaging herself to marry me. I can't go back on her word unless I release her. As long as I hold her to her promise she'll keep it. You want me to speak plainly, and I will. A word from you and the Borough Franchise bill will pass. It's not too late even now. Say it and I'll break the engagement and leave Dallas free to marry you. If you don't say it I'll marry her. You won't refuse?"

"I do refuse," said Alwyn suddenly. Dallas could hear him rising to his feet and approaching Gibbs. "I thought I knew you pretty well, how mean and despicable you could be; but I didn't know the half of it. And now listen: After this keep out of my way, don't come near me, but you do I'll serve you worse than I did before."

Dallas drew back as Gibbs passed her. She could not tell whether or not he had seen her nor did she care. A moment later Alwyn and she were face to face.

"Forgive me, Alwyn," she said. "I shall never forgive myself—for all that I said and did."

"You didn't understand," said Alwyn, taking her hands in his. "You couldn't understand. But do you hear in me now?"

They drew closer to each other and when she raised her eyes to his he required no further answer to his question.

A little later that evening Bennett attended a meeting of another sort in the same room. The other parties to it were Phelan, Horgan and Wainwright, man she loved, were talking together

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the latter mentioned having been sum-
moned after their defeat in the mat-
ter of the franchise bill. Always told
them that he intended to publish his
father's story and make good the
speculations from the city out of his
own pocket.

"You've got us beat," said Thomp-
son bluntly. "Name your price. What
do you want?"

"Nothing," said the mayor shortly.
"I have no price."

"Why did you send for us then?"
said Wainwright, with an ugly curl of
his thin lips. Always turned on him
suddenly. Some of the latent passion
of the man blazed forth suddenly in
his eyes.

"To tell you that you are to be in-
dicted for bribery," he said; "to tell
you that you have come to the end
of your rope, to show you the son of
the man betrayed and brought to his
death."

He flung the door open suddenly, and
Thompson entered, facing his former
employer and looking him full in the
eyes. There was an expression in those
eyes that Wainwright did not like. He
stepped back unsteadily.

"Thompson!" he stammered. "What
are you doing here?"

"That man's name is Garrison,"
said the mayor slowly. "He's the
missing brother of Cynthia Garrison,
the son of the man you betrayed, the
man you ruined. Phelan knows the
facts in the case. He was chief of po-
lice at the time Garrison's father com-
mitted suicide. He knew something ab-
out the hushing up of your end of
the case."

"You have betrayed me," said
Wainwright, staring at Garrison, his
face suddenly turned the color of ashes.
"Betrayed you!" said Garrison.

"What have I been waiting and wait-
ing for else? Why did I enter your
employ and slave for you night and
day? Why did I learn all your secrets?

I found my mother dead, my father's
disgraced suicide, my little sister de-
pendent on others! You did it! I
couldn't get anyone to tell me, but I
put things together and understood."
I schemed and planned and plotted,
you, that your turn would come some
time, I schooled myself to be deferen-
tial when my fingers were itching to
be at your throat. I made copies of
your confidential despatches. I kept
the originals of your letters and let
you the copy. I kept track of the
checks by which you completed your
transactions. I secured the proofs, the
absolute proofs. I turned them over
to the mayor. You'll go to jail -
you'll go to jail, and when you come
out I'll kill you!"

Bennett had to seize young Garrison
by the arms and drag him away
from Wainwright, who had toppled in
to a chair. Ten minutes later he left,
leaning heavily on Horgan's arm,
broken and ruined.

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